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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FOR 1975/76

1. EMBASSY AND USIS MUCH APPRECIATE CU'S AND BFS FAST ACTION IN SENDING TWO APPLICATIONS FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR OPENING. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND PAO HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED BOTH APPLICATIONS, AND REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE THAT BOTH FALL SOMEWHAT WIDE OF THE MARK. GALLANT IS OVER-QUALIFIED, WOULD VERY LIKELY FEEL UNDERUTILIZED AND BORED PROFESSIONALLY, AND MIGHT WELL FIND VERY MODEST FULBRIGHT APARTMENT UNCOMFORTABLE. DAVIS APPEARS TO HAVE TOO LITTLE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE TO WITHSTAND CONSTANT INTERNECINE ARGUMENTS BY FRENCH, BRITISH, AND CHADIANS ON HOW TO TEACH ENGLISH IN CHAD. FORCEFUL, DYNAMIC FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR ENGLISH AT UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON FUTURE ENGLISH TEACHING IN CHAD.

2. OUR CURRENT FULBRIGHTER, JOHN MARSH, IS EXCELLENT, AND WE PROPOSE HE BE EXTENDED ONE MORE YEAR IN CHAD. MARSH WAS RECRUITED ON SHORT NOTICE FOR SPRING SEMESTER 1974 WHEN PREVIOUS FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR PULLED OUT IN ADVANCED STATE CULTURAL SHOCK AFTER ONLY FEW WEEKS ON JOB. MARSH WILL THEREFORE HAVE COMPLETED YEAR AND ONE-HALF IN CHAD AT END CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR. WE AWARD AND UNDERSTAND BFS POLICY WHICH NORMALLY LIMITS APPOINTMENTS TO MAXIMUM TWO YEARS, BUT REQUEST THAT EXCEPTION BE MADE IN THIS INSTANCE.

3. MARSH HAS PROVED TO BE GIFTED TEACHER WITH EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY, AND SUFFICIENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE TO LOBBY EFFECTIVELY FOR AMERICAN APPROACH TO
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ENGLISH TEACHING. IN ADDITION, HE PARTICIPATES IN ENGLISH

TEACHING SEMINARS, HELPS ORGANIZE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
AT UNIVERSITY AND VOLUNTARILY DIRECTS USIS ADULT ENGLISH
TEACHING PROGRAM. AS HIS RECORD REFLECTS, HE HAS HAD LONG
EXPERIENCE ON NEW YORK ARTS SCENE IN THEATER, MUSIC, AND TELE-
VISION WHICH GIVE ADDED DIMENSIONS TO HIS POSITION AS SOLE
FULBRIGHT LECTURER IN CHAD. FINALLY, AND NOT LEAST, HE HAS
ADAPTED TO DIFFICULT TEACHING AND LIVING CONDITIONS WITH
GOOD HUMOR AND GOOD SENSE, AND IS WILLING TO REMAIN FOR ANOTHER
ACADEMIC YEAR.

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